

LIBRARY AWARENESS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE KLA MEMBERSHIP
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

I compiled a list of all 2010 KLA award winners to include in In-Focus.

I have contacted ALA to get put on appropriate list serves so that I could share advocacy issues with KLA members and did this throughout the year

I wrote the Spotlight column for *Kentucky Libraries*. Columns were published about the 2010 KLA James A. Nelson Advocacy winner, J.C. Morgan and about Bill Wilson, former Trustee of the Lexington Public Library and a member of the Kentucky Advisory Committee on Libraries and Archives. I have submitted an article on the 2011 KLA James A. Nelson Advocacy winner.

Former Library Awareness Committee Chair, Linda Kompanik volunteered to continue coordinating the Kentucky Libraries License Plate project. Almost a REALITY!

I promoted Kentucky Libraries Legislative Day by sending out information and reminders on the KLA list serve.

I took part in the webinar "New Ideas for Connecting with 112th Congress Legislators: New Messages, Traditional Tactics" sponsored by the ALA Washington office on 2/23/2011.

I put together information on each of our representatives for the Kentucky representatives for American Library Association National Library Legislative Day.

I promoted ALA Legislative Day by sending out information and reminders on the KLA list serve for members to contact their representatives.

The committee attended the ALA Library Legislative Days May 9-10 in Washington D.C as part of the Kentucky delegation. I sent out information to the KLA and KPLA List Serves about the results of our meetings and wrote a newsletter item for the KPLA Advocacy Committee Newsletter.

I prepared the information to mail to members about the annual KLA awards and sent out on the KLA List Serve, the KPLA List Serve and The Friends of Kentucky Libraries List Serve, periodic reminders about the nomination process for the KLA awards. I collected the nominations and when the deadline was past I sent all nominations to the committee members for their review. I tabulated the votes, notified the committee and the KLA Executive Board of the winners. After Executive Board approval I notified all of the winners and arranged for their attendance at the luncheon.

The winners of the 2011 KLA Awards are:

Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award

WINNER: Michael Whiteman - Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Law Library
Services & Information Technology, Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky
University

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James A. Nelson Advocacy Award

WINNER: Linda Kompanik – Director, Logan County Public Library

William H. Natcher Award

WINNER: Mr. Dan Groneck & the team at U.S. Bank, NKY Market
nominated by Kenton County Public Library

Lifetime Achievement Award

WINNER: Linda Perkins

I prepared the program for the KLA Awards Luncheon and sent to the Association office for printing.

I requested and received a proclamation from the Governor's Office designating the week of the annual KLA meeting, September 25 – October 1, 2011, as Kentucky Library Week.

Respectfully submitted

Debbe Oberhausen
Chair